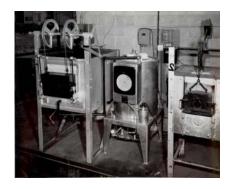
Business Recognition Program: Byington Steel Treating Inc. October 14, 2008 7 p.m. City Council Meeting Mayor's Remarks

Tonight we have the pleasure of recognizing an outstanding Santa

Clara business, Byington Steel Treating, Inc., established in 1952 in the City of Santa Clara, and a Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce member since 1955. The firm was founded by Bill Byington, and it remains a family business today.



Bill was raised on a small family farm in Idaho before venturing to California as a young man. After serving in World War II, Bill enrolled in a training college where he learned the trade of heat-treating. He saw a need for this type of service here in the "Valley of Hearts Delight," and decided to invest in starting his own business using a few hundred dollars that he had in his savings.



Byington Steel Treating, Inc. was initially a one man shop in a small leased building located at 650 Mathew Street in our community.

Bill, a entrepreneur at heart, purchased and built a few furnaces to accommodate his small business, later expanding and hiring employees to keep up with increasing demands for his high quality work.

With the initial success of his heattreating business, Bill purchased a piece of property in Santa Clara at 1225 Memorex Drive, just west of Lafayette St., where the business continued to thrive.





Today the company has more than two dozen employees, and operates 24 hours a day. It is one of the largest heat treating businesses in Northern California, serving aerospace, government, technology and construction industries in a 24,000 sq. ft. facility that houses over 30 metal treating furnaces.

Bill and the late Mary Byington, and their family, have been known for advocating social responsibility, and for their personal and very generous support of numerous charities, agencies and organizations. Those benefitting from their generosity, both financially and with the donation of their personal time, have included the Crippled Children's

Society (now called Via Rehabilitation), Santa Clara Women's Club, Santa Clara Women's League, Soroptimists of Santa Clara, the Hacienda Club, the Santa Clara University Board of Fellows, San Jose Elks, to name just a few. Bill and Mary have also been involved in numerous school organizations, and have been active and well-respected participants in such business institutions as the Metal Treating Institute and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Other Santa Clara businesses have thrived, and our City and region have become a better place because of Byington Steel Treating, and Bill and Mary Byington, the Byington family, and Byington Steel employees.

We are very pleased tonight to be recognizing Byington Steel Treating, Inc.

While the City has been recognizing the accomplishments of local businesses for many years, a more formal Business Recognition Program was established by the City Council in late 2003, upon the recommendation of a committee of the City Council, the Mission City 21 (Economic Development) Committee. The recognition program is a joint one with the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau. We have with us tonight Steve Van Dorn of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau who will also be making a presentation to Byington Steel Treating, Inc.

The formalized business recognition program recognizes the valuable contributions that all businesses make to the City of Santa Clara.

Byington Steel Treating, Inc. has very deep roots in Santa Clara, and is one of the oldest, active businesses in our community.

The company and its personnel are well-respected for their professionalism, customer service ethic, and their commitment to provide good value and outstanding services to their customers.

Congratulations to Byington Steel Treating, Inc. for more than 56 years of outstanding service to the Santa Clara community!

Thank you. I would now like to introduce Steve Van Dorn of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau.